

Buddy Huffaker

Represents: The interests of owners of non-industrial, private forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefits

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Buddy has lived in upper Midwest for all but one of his 52 years and came to Wisconsin to do an internship with the [Aldo Leopold Foundation](#) in 1996. Since that time, Buddy has been instrumental in the Aldo Leopold Foundation's effort to advance a Land Ethic. This includes stewarding the Leopold Shack and Farm National Historic Landmark, and advocating for a conservation ethic through the documentary film Green Fire, translations of "A Sand County Almanac," and other publications, presentations, and programs. Balancing the ecological, economic and cultural values of the Aldo Leopold Foundation's own property and working with neighboring landowners on the 4,500 acre Leopold-Pines Memorial Reserve has revealed the challenges faced by private landowners. In response, the foundation developed [My Wisconsin Woods](#), an innovative education program to target and encourage landowners to achieve their own management goals. It is this work that led Governor Evers to appoint Buddy to the Governor's Council on Forestry to represent private woodland owners. In addition to this state level leadership Buddy has also brought his understanding of private landowner issues to the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee, a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture and has participated in three White House Conferences on conservation and environmental education.